Housing for Urban Poor

93. SHRI T.R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any national policy for providing housing to the urban poor people in the States of NER, specially in Nagaland;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) With a view to facilitate construction and upgradation of dwelling units for the urban slum dwellers and to provide healthy and enabling urban environment through community toilets. Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation is already implementing, on all India basis, including NER, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme called Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY). VAMBAY is a demand-driven scheme and the State implementing agencies submit their project proposals through Housing & Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) for releases of Central subsidy.

Details of physical and financial achievements in respect of NER including Nagaland, since inception of the scheme with effect from 2nd December 2001 are as follows:

State	Government of lndia subsidy released (Rs. in Lakhs)	No. of Dwelling units covered	No. of Toilet seats covered
Arunachal Pradesh	18.000	80	0
Assam	0.000	0	0
Manipur	199.795	888 0	0 0
Meghalaya	0.000	0	0
Mizoram	0.000		
Nagaland	214.550	926 0	31
Sikkim	0.000		0
Tripura	374.628	1665	0

Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation is also implementing projects/schemes for the development of NER States including Sikkim in the sector of housing, slum development and urban poverty alleviation under the 10% lumpsum provision specially earmarked for this purpose in the Budget of the Ministry. Under housing category (predominantly for the urban poor), so far 8 projects on housing at project cost of Rs. 8038.19 Lakh have been sanctioned in the NER States and Rs. 4562.06 Lakh have been released to the executing agencies. State-wise details are as under:—

State	No. of projects on housing	Project cost (Rs. in Lakhs)	Funds released (Rs. in Lakhs)
Arunachal Pradesh	1	1601.42	640.00
Assam	4	5761.54	3246.82
Manipur	—	—	—
Meghalaya	1	500.00	500.00
Mizoram	1	44.84	44.84
Nagaland	—	—	—
Sikkim	—	—	—
Tripura	1	130.39	130.40
TOTAL	8	8038.19	4562.06

Poverty alleviation schemes in North-Eastern region

94. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state the details of the steps being taken by Government to eradicate urban poverty in various cities of the North Eastern Region and the achievements made as a result thereof during the last three years year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): With a view to ameliorate the conditions of urban poor, and to reduce the urban poverty in the country, Ministry of Urban Employment and Poverty Alleviation is implementing an employment oriented Centrally Sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme namely Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana